

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Replace paragraph 0039 with the following amended paragraph.

[0039] The circularly-shaped beads or grooves of different diameters contribute to an even yarn formation during the spinning process, while the notches, spaced apart and positioned ~~upstream~~ downstream in relation to the traveling direction of the produced yarn, simultaneously provided a high degree of spinning stability of the open-end spinning arrangement.

Additionally, replace paragraph 0077 with the following amended paragraph.

[0077] Fig. 2 shows a yarn withdrawal nozzle 13, whose coaxially arranged structure 30 is constituted by circularly-shaped beads or grooves 32 of different diameters, which are arranged, axially spaced apart, in the area of the inlet funnel ~~48~~ 38.